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July 13, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SEVILLE AVENUE
INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WALNUT PARK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to install traffic control devices on Seville Avenue at Hope Street and Seville Avenue at Hill Street in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the adoption of traffic regulation orders and the posting of corresponding regulatory and advisory signage are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing stop controls for northbound and southbound traffic on Seville Avenue at Hope Street, establishing multiway stop controls, unincorporated community of Walnut Park.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3. Instruct the Director of Public Works or her designee to install multiway stop control at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hope Street, unincorporated community of Walnut Park.
4. Instruct the Director of Public Works or her designee to install a pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon at the southerly crosswalk at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hill Street, unincorporated community of Walnut Park.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On March 3, 2010, the Los Angeles County Highway Safety Commission (HSC) heard an appeal from residents, local law enforcement officers, and officials from Walnut Park Elementary School regarding the Department of Public Works (Public Works) recommendations to remove and/or upgrade several marked crosswalks along Seville Avenue between Live Oak Street and Cudahy Street. The HSC approved a motion to install multiway stop control at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hope Street and to install a pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hill Street to enhance safety for pedestrians.

Public Works staff reported that the traffic studies conducted for the multiway stop at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hope Street and the pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon at the intersection of Seville Avenue and Hill Street did not meet the warrants for their installation. Public Works indicates that they do not recommend the installation of either traffic control device at these two intersections. However, upon hearing the testimony of the community, along with the representatives from the school and law enforcement, the HSC determined that it would be in the best interest of the community to install these traffic control devices to reduce speeding on Seville Avenue and enhance pedestrian safety.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by enhancing the quality of life for residents in these communities once the traffic control devices are in place.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost for the installation of the recommended traffic control devices is \$200,000, which will be made available in the First Supervisorial District's Highway Safety Projects appropriation of your Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California Vehicle Code authorizes your Board to implement the traffic regulation for the multiway stop, which is required prior to enforcement by the California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department. The pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon is a supplemental feature for the existing marked crosswalk and its installation is also authorized by the California Vehicle Code.

Section 15.16.060 of the County Code authorizes the HSC to investigate traffic control requests made by the public and to report its recommendations to your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of these regulations, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, are categorically exempt under Class I(x) 7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

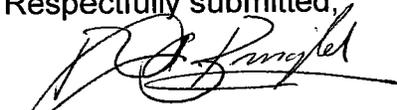
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Implementation of these traffic controls will enhance pedestrian safety and quality of life for local residents.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT A. RINGLER
Chair of the Highway Safety Commission

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cc: Department of Public Works (Gail Farber)
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel (Warren Wellen)
Executive Office